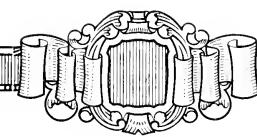


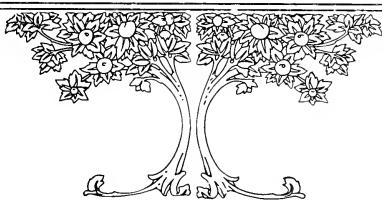
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# Peony Price List



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# The Kind of Peony Roots I Like to Buy



When I pay out my good money for Peony roots (and I have been doing that very thing for several years), I know just exactly the kind of roots I like to find in the express package when I open it. Perhaps you are not interested in the kind of roots which please me, but I like to talk about Peony roots, and so I am going to tell you anyhow. If the man I send my money to, wants to have me smile when I open up his shipment, he will select either nice healthy, plump one-year roots with at least five eyes, and from which if there has been more than five eyes not a single one has been cut; or he will select a two or three year old root, and will cut from it a strong division with at least five eyes, so distributed that it can again be cut into three or more smaller divisions, each with one or more eyes. I do not care if it does not weigh more than three or four ounces, but I do insist that it have at least five eyes, and that it can be divided. Now, do you know what I do when I get such a root? Do you think I plant it the very first thing I do? No, indeed. I get out my very sharpest knife and I put on my left hand a heavy, tough, buckskin glove, and I carve that beautiful Peony root in a manner of which I am very proud. When I have finished with it I have three or more nice small divisions, and I plant them as they should be planted, and by giving them exactly the right cultivation I grow from each of them, in one season, just as fine a plant as the one which pleased me when I opened the express package. With many varieties I find it wise to let them grow into three and four year old plants before again dividing them, and I quite often find that the plant which started with only one eye is, in two or three years' time, just as large, and sometimes even larger, than the plant which started with four or five eyes.

Now why have I told you about the kind of roots I like to buy? Just because that is the kind of roots I like to sell. Whether I sell you a \$3.00 root or a \$30.00 root, it must have at least five eyes and it must be capable of being cut up into three divisions. That is the kind of roots I promise. If you decide to order any of them from me, and want them divided, I will make the divisions for you without any extra charge.

In the following list I offer the varieties which I consider the finest of the new and rare Peonies, and which have demonstrated their worth in my own and other growers' gardens.

### The Finest and Rarest Peonies.

	Rating	Price
ALSACE LORRAINE (Lemoine).....	8.8	\$9.00
BAYADERE (Lemoine).....	8.7	9.00
BERTRADE (Lemoine).....	8.1	9.00
CHESTINE GOWDY (Brand).....	8.4	6.00
E. B. BROWNING (Brand).....	9.2	24.00
ELWOOD PLEAS (Pleas).....	8.7	12.00
ENCHANTRESS (Lemoine).....	8.9	15.00
EVANGELINE (Lemoine).....	8.1	6.00
EVENING GLOW (Hollis).....	8.1	12.00
EXQUISITE (Kelway).....	8.7	18.00
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE (Brand).....	8.1	6.00
FRANCES SHAYLOR (Shaylor).....	8.7	15.00
FRANCES WILLARD (Brand).....	9.1	12.00
GALATHIEE (Lemoine).....	8.1	Sold Out
GEORGINA SHAYLOR (Shaylor).....	8.9	12.00
GINETTE (Dessert).....	8.8	15.00
JEANNE GAUDICHAU (Millet).....	8.3	9.00
JEANNOT (Dessert).....	8.9	Sold Out
JUBILEE (Pleas).....	8.9	18.00
KARL ROSENFIELD (Rosenfield).....	8.8	4.50
KELWAY'S GLORIOUS (Kelway).....	9.8	Sold Out

LADY ALEXANDRA DUFF (Kelway).....	9.1	Sold Out
LA FEE (Lemoine).....	9.2	15.00
LA FRANCE (Lemoine).....	9.0	12.00
LAMARTINE (Lemoine).....	8.4	15.00
LAURA DESSERT (Dessert).....	8.8	Sold Out
LE CYGNE (Lemoine).....	9.9	36.00
LORA DEXHEIMER (Brand).....	8.4	6.00
LOVELINESS (Hollis).....	8.8	12.00
LUCY E. HOLLIS (Hollis).....	8.1	9.00
MADAME D. TREYERAN (Dessert).....	8.2	6.00
MADAME EMILE DUPRAZ (Riviere).....	7.4	Sold Out
MADAME JULES DESSERT (Dessert).....	9.4	12.00
MADAME MANCHET (Dessert).....	8.0	12.00
MARGARET GAUDICHAU (Millet).....	8.6	15.00
MARTHA BULLOCH (Brand).....	9.1	27.00
MARIE CROUSSE (Crousse).....	8.9	4.50
MAUD L. RICHARDSON (Hollis).....	8.5	6.00
MARY WOODBURY SHAYLOR (Shaylor).....	9.4	30.00
M. MARTIN CAHUZAC (Dessert).....	8.8	9.00
MRS. EDWARD HARDING (Shaylor).....	9.9	Sold Out
MIGNON (Lemoine).....	8.7	Sold Out
MONT BLANC (Lemoine).....	8.4	9.00
NYMPHAEA (Thurlow).....	9.1	15.00
OPAL (Pleas).....	8.5	15.00
PHILIPPE RIVOIRE (Riviere).....	9.2	Sold Out
PHOEBE CAREY (Brand).....	8.8	12.00
PHYLLIS KELWAY (Kelway).....	8.8	15.00
PRESIDENT WILSON (Thurlow).....	9.4	Sold Out
PRIDE OF ESSEX (Thurlow).....	8.8	15.00
PRIMEVERE (Lemoine).....	8.6	9.00
RAOUL DESSERT (Dessert).....	9.0	15.00
ROSA BONHEUR (Dessert).....	9.0	15.00
ROSETTE (Dessert).....	8.9	15.00
SARAH BERNHARDT (Lemoine).....	9.0	6.00
SOLANGE (Lemoine).....	9.7	9.00
SOUV. DE LOUIS BIGOT (Dessert).....	8.8	12.00
STANDARD BEARER (Hollis).....	8.8	Sold Out
SUZETTE (Dessert).....	8.0	9.00
THERESE (Dessert).....	9.8	9.00
TOURANGELLE (Dessert).....	9.4	9.00
VICTOIRE DE LA MARNE (Dessert).....	8.3	15.00
WALTER FAXON (Richardson).....	9.3	12.00
WILLIAM F. TURNER (Shaylor).....	8.4	9.00

On some of the varieties in the preceding list you will notice that my price is higher than in other growers' catalogs, and when you can get just as large a root for less money from other reliable growers, I do not expect or even wish you to send me the order. Take Le Cygne, for example. Last year I had, I believe, as large a stock of it as any grower in the United States, and I sold every plant of it I cared to dispose of at \$25.00 for an undivided root, and I could have sold many more. This year I again have a large stock of it, and as it has been voted by the members of the Peony Society the best Peony in the world, I realize that when it can be sold at \$5.00 or \$10.00 per root there will be hundreds and probably thousands of enthusiasts who will want it in their gardens, and so I prefer to keep my plants, to increase for stock to supply the big demand which will materialize in three or four years. I believe that each salable root of it in my garden will increase to at least twelve salable roots within three years, and on this variety I am looking to the future demand rather than for present orders. However, on some other varieties, you will notice that my prices are lower than those quoted by other growers, and on these I feel sure that I will soon sell all my available stock for this year. You will notice that I have already had to withdraw twelve of the rarest varieties, and of course I will not accept orders on the other varieties beyond my ability to fill them. I expect to issue several **OUT** lists within the next few weeks.

I make one offer to my customers which has proven very popular, and which has brought me many letters of commendation. Here it is. If you care to purchase Peonies from me and you do not care to pay the price for a whole undivided root with at least five eyes, I will furnish you a small division which will have at least one eye, for a third of the price of the whole root. This division may have more than one eye, but I do not promise that it will have, and it will take it a whole year to grow into a plant as large as the one you would receive if you pay the price for the one year undivided root. In other words, what you save in money you lose in time, but with the same money you can purchase three times as many varieties, but remember these divisions must grow a whole year to become as large as my one-year Peony roots.

## Peonies for Observation.

I believe anyone is safe in ordering any variety from the preceding list, but in the following one, purchasers will need to be more careful, for while it contains some of the newest varieties which I hope and believe will equal anything in the preceding list, yet I cannot truthfully say that any of them have won an assured place for themselves. In addition to the very new varieties the list contains old varieties, of which some growers approve and others do not. I am studying each one of these varieties very carefully, and they are offered here so that other Peony enthusiasts can have an opportunity to purchase and study them. I quote the whole root price, but you may order divisions if you wish at one-third the quoted price.

	Rating	Price
ADELAIDE HOLLIS (Hollis).....	7.6	\$9.00
AKSARBEN (Rosenfield).....	7.0	3.00
ARCHIE BRAND (Brand).....	7.5	4.50
AVIATEUR REYMOND (Dessert).....	7.9	12.00
BALL O' COTTON (Franklin).....	..	30.00
BEAUTY'S MASK (Hollis).....	7.9	4.50
BELISAIRE (Lemoine).....	7.5	4.50
BELLE MAUVE (Lemoine).....	6.8	4.50
BUNCH OF PERFUME (Kelway).....	7.0	4.50
CECILIA KELWAY (Kelway).....	..	4.50
CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT (Richardson).....	7.2	9.00
CLAUDE GELLE (Lemoine).....	7.5	9.00
CLAUDE LORRAINE (Crousse).....	6.5	4.50
COQUETTE (Lemoine).....	7.4	18.00
CRIMSON VICTORY (Rosenfield).....	6.6	3.00
DISTINCTION (Dessert).....	6.4	4.50
E. G. HILL (Lemoine).....	7.8	4.50
ELLA CHRISTINE KELWAY (Kelway)....	7.2	6.00
ENCHANTMENT (Hollis).....	7.7	6.00
ESTAFETTE (Dessert).....	7.8	6.00
EUCHARIS (Lemoine).....	7.4	6.00
FLAMBEAU (Crousse).....	7.1	4.50
FRAICHEUR (Lemoine).....	8.3	15.00
GISMONDA (Crousse).....	8.2	4.50
GRAZIELLA (?).....	7.0	3.00
H. A. HAGEN (Richardson).....	7.7	9.00
H. R. H. PRINCESS LOUISE (Kelway)....	..	6.00

ISOLINE (Lemoine).....	8.5	15.00
JOHN RICHARDSON (Richardson).....	8.1	6.00
LADY EMILY (Pleas).....	8.6	6.00
LADY GWENDOLEN CECIL (Kelway).....	7.3	4.50
LADY MAYORESS (Kelway).....	..	3.00
LADY OF THE WEST (Kelway).....	..	4.50
LA FIANCEE (Lemoine).....	8.6	9.00
LA FONTAINE (Dessert).....	6.9	4.50
MABEL FRANKLIN (Franklin).....	..	30.00
MADAME BOULANGER (Crousse).....	7.8	3.00
MADAME REIGNOUX (Dessert).....	7.3	4.50
MADAME SAVREAU (Savreau).....	7.9	6.00
MARQUIS C. LAGERGREN (Dessert).....	8.0	6.00
MIDNIGHT (Brand).....	7.3	3.00
MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM (Pleas)...	8.5	6.00
MRS. GWYN LEWIS (Kelway).....	..	6.00
OTHELLO (Lemoine).....	..	12.00
POMPONETTE (Dessert).....	7.4	4.50
R. P. WHITFIELD (Richardson).....	7.8	4.50
SAMUEL HENSHAW (Richardson).....	7.3	6.00
SAPHO (Lemoine).....	6.8	4.50
SUMMUM BONUM (Kelway).....	..	4.50
SUPREME (Hollis).....	7.3	7.50
VERIBEST (Hollis).....	..	7.50
WELCOME GUEST (Hollis).....	7.9	4.50
W. F. CHRISTMAN (Franklin).....	..	30.00

You will notice three of the new Franklin Peonies in the preceding list. I was delighted with the blooms they showed on one year plants. They pleased me so well that I hope to offer other varieties of the Franklin productions in the future. In my Garden Notes next year I hope to give a report on two-year plants of these varieties.

### Standard Varieties of Peonies at Standard Prices. (?)

During the past season we have heard a great deal about standard varieties of Peonies at standard prices. I do not believe there will ever be, for any length of time, an unchanging list of standard varieties, because the newer productions will be continually crowding the older varieties

from their positions of prominence. Neither do I believe there will ever be a standard price on Peonies, because the man who grows one variety only can grow his roots at less expense than the man who cultivates one hundred varieties, and the man with one hundred varieties can produce his roots at less expense than the man with a thousand varieties. I have nearly a thousand varieties in my garden, and so I realize I can never hope to achieve the reputation of being the lowest priced Peony man. On the contrary, I know that I cannot hope to compete at all in growing the lower priced varieties, and I do not intend to try. However, I give here a list of Peonies which have had exactly the same care and cultivation as my \$10.00 to \$50.00 sorts. They are healthy, vigorous roots and I believe every one of them to be true to name. With the care and cultivation I have given them I cannot afford to sell them at less than \$3.00 per root or \$1.00 for a small division. However, you will find many of them quoted at much lower prices in other growers' catalogs. It is probable that many of these varieties will never again appear in my list as I intend to keep the most of them in my exhibition garden only. In the future I expect to give my time to the propagation and cultivation of the newest and best Peonies only. Here is the list—\$3.00 per root—\$1.00 for a small division:

	Rating
ALBERT CROUSSE (Crousse).....	8.6
ALEXANDRIANA (Calot).....	7.1
ALICE DE JULVECOURT (Pele).....	7.2
AUGUSTE VILLAUME (Crousse).....	7.3
AUGUSTIN D'HOUR (Calot).....	7.8
AURORE (Dessert).....	8.0
AVALANCHE, syn. ALBATRE (Crousse).....	8.7
BARONESS SCHROEDER (Kelway).....	9.0
BEAUTE DE VILLECANTE (Gombault).....	7.0
BERLIOZ (Crousse).....	7.0
BEAUTE FRANCAISE (Guerin).....	6.5
BOADICEA (?).....	..
BOULE DE NEIGE (Calot).....	8.0
BRIDESMAID (Kelway).....	8.3
CANDIDISSIMA (Calot).....	7.1
CHARLES VERDIER (?).....	..
CLAIRE DUBOIS (Crousse).....	8.7
CONSTANT DEVRED (Calot).....	7.5

COURONNE D'OR (Calot).....	8.1
DE CANDOLLE (Crousse).....	7.2
DELACHEI (Delache).....	7.1
DORCHESTER (Richardson).....	7.7
DUC DE WELLINGTON (Calot).....	7.8
DUCHESSE DE NEMOURS (Calot).....	8.1
EDULIS SUPERBA (Lemon).....	7.6
EUGENE BIGOT (Dessert).....	8.3
EUGENE VERDIER (Calot).....	8.3
EUGENIE VERDIER (Calot).....	8.6
FELIX CROUSSE (Crousse).....	8.4
FESTIVA MAXIMA (Miellez).....	9.3
FLORAL TREASURE (Rosenfield).....	7.5
GENERAL BERTRAND (Guerin).....	7.1
GERMAINE BIGOT (Dessert).....	8.5
GLOIRE DE CHARLES GOMBAULT (Gombault) ..	7.9
GRANDIFLORA (Richardson).....	8.8
GRANDIFLORA NIVEA PLENA (Lemon).....	8.1
GROVER CLEVELAND (Terry).....	8.2
JAMES KELWAY (Kelway).....	8.7
JEANNE D'ARC (Calot).....	7.9
LA COQUETTE (Guerin).....	6.8
LADY BERESFORD (Kelway).....	7.8
LAMARTINE (Calot).....	8.3
LA ROSIERE (Crousse).....	8.3
LA TULIPE (Calot).....	7.5
LIVINGSTONE (Crousse).....	8.1
MADAME AUGUSTE DESSERT (Dessert).....	8.6
MADAME BREON (Guerin).....	6.5
MADAME BUCQUET (Dessert).....	7.3
MADAME CALOT (Miellez).....	8.1
MADAME CAMILLE BANCEL (Crousse).....	7.7
MADAME CHAUMY (Calot).....	6.8
MADAME CROUSSE (Calot).....	7.9
MADAME DE GALHAU (Crousse).....	7.5
MADAME DE VATRY (Guerin).....	7.7
MADAME DE VERNEVILLE (Crousse).....	7.9
MADAME DUCEL (Meechin).....	7.9
MADAME EMILE GALLE (Crousse)...	8.5
MADAME EMILE LEMOINE (Lemoine).....	8.9
MADAME FOREL (Crousse).....	7.7
MADAME FOULD (Crousse).....	7.0
MADAME GEISSLER (Crousse).....	7.9
MADAME LEBON (Calot).....	6.8

MARCELLE DESSERT (Dessert) .....	8.2
MARGUERITE GERARD (Crousse) .....	8.4
MARIE DEROUX (Crousse) .....	8.0
MARIE HOUILLON (Calot) .....	6.9
MARIE JACQUIN (Verdier) .....	8.3
MATHILDE DE ROSENECK (Crousse) .....	7.9
MILTON HILL (Richardson) .....	9.0
MIREILLE (Crousse) .....	7.7
MLLE. ROUSSEAU (Calot) .....	8.1
MODELE DE PERFECTION (Crousse) .....	7.8
MONSIEUR JULES ELIE (Crousse) .....	9.2
OCTAVIE DEMAY (Calot) .....	8.5
PASTEUR (Crousse) .....	8.0
PETITE RENEE (Dessert) .....	6.9
PIERRE DUCHARTRE (Crousse) .....	8.2
PRESIDENT TAFT syn. REINE HORTENSE (Calot) .....	8.7
RUBRA SUPERBA (Richardson) .....	7.2
SIMONNE CHEVALIER (Dessert) .....	7.9
SOUV. DE EXPO. UNIVERSELLE (Calot) .....	7.6
SULLY PRUDHOMME (Crousse) .....	7.7
TRIOMPHE DE L'EXPOSITION DE LILLE (Calot) .....	7.8
UMBELLATA ROSEA (Dessert) .....	7.4
VIRGINIE (Calot) .....	7.6

## Single and Japanese Peonies.

Every year shows an increased interest in the growing of both single and Japanese Peonies. Their beauty appeals to me very much, and I have been making a collection of all the good varieties until I now have over one hundred different kinds from which I select only the very best for the following lists:

### Single Peonies.

	Rating	Price
CLAIRETTE (Dessert) .....	8.5	\$4.50
CAMILLE (Dessert) .....	7.3	4.50
KELWAY'S WILD ROSE (Kelway) .....	..	4.50
LA FIANCEE (Dessert) .....	8.4	6.00
LE JOUR (Shaylor) .....	8.2	6.00
LUCIENNE (Dessert) .....	8.2	4.50
MARGUERITE DESSERT (Dessert) .....	8.5	6.00
MINERVE (Dessert) .....	7.3	3.00
MISTRAL (Dessert) .....	7.3	3.00

NELLIE (Kelway).....	..	12.00
NYMPHAE (Dessert).....	..	6.00
OTHELLO (Dessert).....	..	6.00
PRIDE OF LANGPORT (Kelway).....	8.9	9.00
PURE LOVE (Kelway).....	..	9.00
VELOUTINE (Dessert).....	7.3	3.00
VESUVE (Dessert).....	7.6	4.50

### Japanese Peonies.

AKALU (?).....	..	\$4.50
ALMA (Shaylor).....	8.4	6.00
FAUVETTE (?).....	..	6.00
KAMENO KEROGOMA (?).....	..	6.00
KINO KIMO (?).....	..	6.00
KNIGHT OF THE THISTLE (Kelway).....	..	6.00
KUMAGOE (?).....	..	4.50
MAGNIFICENCE (Kelway).....	..	6.00
MIKADO (Barr).....	8.6	3.00
NAUBUNISHSKI (?).....	..	4.50
NOONDAY (Kelway).....	..	9.00
O FUGI (?).....	..	6.00
RARE BROCADE (?).....	..	4.50
SEIRIU SOMAE (?).....	..	4.50
SNOW WHEEL (?).....	..	3.00

All members of the American Peony Society will readily understand the significance of the rating I have shown after the varieties listed, but for the benefit of those who are not members I wish to make this explanation. Last year each member of the American Peony Society was given the opportunity to cast a vote on the merits of all varieties of Peonies with which he was acquainted, and the figure shown is the average of the combined vote thus taken, on the basis of 10 for perfection. Due to the very recent interest in Single and Japanese Peonies only a very few were given ratings in this vote.

Experienced Peony buyers will have no difficulty in making their selections from this price list through their knowledge of the varieties from various descriptive catalogs and Peony bulletins. However, I realize that men and women who are just beginning to be interested in Peonies will wish they had some assistance in making their selection. In such a case it would be wise to consult the most experi-

enced amateur Peony grower in your locality and rely upon his advice. If, however, after reading my Peony booklets and Garden Notes you should feel that I could be of any assistance to you in selecting the varieties which will give you the most satisfaction for your money, I would be glad to have you write me stating what you think would answer your requirements in a general way, that is, whether early or late, or midseason varieties, the color desired, etc., and I will try to select the varieties which will satisfy and make a permanent customer of you.

I am growing my Peonies for the retail customer, especially for the Peony enthusiast who is building up a private collection, and consequently I have no wholesale price or trade discount to offer. The prices quoted are the same to everyone. My terms are cash with the order and money will be returned for any varieties which I cannot furnish. I will not make any substitutions, and will send only the roots you order, as nothing displeases me more than to have a substitute sent me on any order I place.

I like to send roots by express as in that case the customer pays exactly what the transportation costs. If, however, any customer ordering a few roots wishes them sent by parcel post, he may send twenty-five cents additional for each root or division, and I will not only pay the postage but will also have the safe delivery of the package insured.

I expect to begin shipping Peony roots about the first day of September. Customers may specify the dates on which they would like to receive their roots and I will dig them accordingly.

On account of the great demand for the scarce varieties, the prudent buyer will place his order as early as possible.

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